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SUBJECT: RANCO CLOSING

REF MILAN 1588; MILAN 1589; ROME 12713

1. PREFECT OF COMO INFORMED ME SEPT 5 THAT MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD RAISED PROBLEM WITH EMBASSY ROME AND THAT ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD DONE SO WITH DEPT.
2. HE HAD ALSO MET WITH TRADE UNIONISTS. THEY CONTENTED AMPLE MARKET EXISTED FOR RANCO PRODUCT AND INSISTED THAT RANCO HAD REJECTED CUT IN LABOR FORCE AS SOLUTION DURING PREVIOUS BARGAINING. WHILE UNION POSITION RIGID, PREFECT SAID HE DETECTED A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR COMPROMISE.
3. WHAT, HE ASKED, WAS NEWS ON US SIDE?
4. I REPLIED THAT RANCO PROCEEDING WITH CLOSURE AND THAT WE EXPECTED NO CHANGE IN COMPANY POSITION UNLESS THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN UNION POSITION. USG COULD NOT OBLIGE NOR EXPECT PRIVATE FIRM TO CONTINUE LOSING MONEY FOR RAISON D'ETAT. HOWEVER, SHOULD THERE BE A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A MAJOR REDUCTION IN WORK FORCE, WE WOULD ENCOURAGE RANCO TO RECONSIDER.

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5. PREFECT SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS

THERE.

6. MEANWHILE RANCO PLANT IS OCCUPIED BY EMPLOYEES AND
MANAGEMENT HAS MAILED OUT DISMISSAL NOTICES TO ENTIRE
WORK FORCE FROM ITS MILAN CONSULTANTS' OFFICE.FINA

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